

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JOSHUA PAUL GRACAN and STACY
LYNN GRACAN,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY and FIDELITY
WARRANTY SERVICES, INC.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 2:21-cv-1212

Hon. William S. Stickman IV

ORDER SCHEDULING INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

This order sets forth the date and time for the Initial Case Management Conference as well as the dates for compliance with three requirements in preparation.

The Telephonic Initial Case Management Conference pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 and Local Civil Rule 16.1 is hereby set for **February 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** Counsel for Plaintiff is directed to manage the call and to contact chambers at 412-208-7390 once all parties are connected. It is not required that lead counsel for the parties attend, nor is it required that any named party attend. However, counsel shall obtain full settlement authority prior to the conference and must be prepared to discuss settlement of the case and alternative dispute resolution options in detail. All pending motions are subject to argument and disposition at the conference. Clients and insurance carrier representatives must be available by telephone.

Aside from initial disclosures, *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(A), no formal written discovery may be served prior to the Initial Case Management Conference, absent leave of court.

Counsel of record and all unrepresented parties are jointly responsible to ensure completion of the following three requirements in preparation:

1. By **February 2, 2022**, counsel of record for the parties and all unrepresented parties must confer either in person, over the phone, or by videoconference to “consider the nature and basis of their claims and defenses and the possibilities for promptly settling or resolving the case; make or arrange for the disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1); discuss any issues about preserving discoverable information; and develop a proposed discovery plan.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(2).
2. By **February 9, 2022**, the parties must jointly file a Rule 26(f) Report in the format set forth in Appendix 16.1.A to the Local Civil Rules.
3. By **February 9, 2022**, the parties must jointly file a stipulation selecting an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process using the fillable form available from the Court’s website at

<https://www.pawd.uscourts.gov/sites/pawd/files/ADRSTIP-APRIL2017-w.pdf>

BY THE COURT:

January 4, 2022
Date

/s/ *William S. Stickman IV* _____
WILLIAM S. STICKMAN IV
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE